IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Attorney Docket No. 500402.00273)

In re U.S. Patent Application of Swales)
Application No. 10/003,123) Art Unit: 2143
Filed: November 26, 2001) Examiner: Lezak
For: Messaging Application Layer Over Ethernet to Transport Layer (TCP) Communications Method and Apparatus for a Modular Terminal) Confirmation No. 6276))
Input/Output System)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

MS: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated July 10, 2008. The Office Action set a three-month period for response, thus making this paper due or before **October 10, 2008.** A petition for a three-month extension of time along with the associated fee is included with this filing. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any overpayment of fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

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